

English Meeting
7 February 2013
HHall 301

Present: Robert Kibler, ShaunAnne Tangney, Nicole Thom-Arens, Margaret Sherve, Ron Fischer, Eric Furuseth, Frank McCahill, Sarah Aleshire, Patti Kurtz, Duane Halvorson, and Harold Nelson; Absent: none

Preamble: “When male members of the larger cat families—that is, mountain lions—waylay and eat their own children, this is not truly evidence of ferocity. It is the indirect *crime passionnel*; the result of an impatient tenderness for the lioness who had become too exclusively the mother. The motive is love, and, as La Rochefoucauld has said: ‘*si on juge l’amour par la plupart de ses effets, il ressemble plus a la haine qu’a l’amitie.*’
Rats, Lice, and History, by Hans Zinsser.

Approval of Minutes: Nicole **moved** to approve the English Department minutes of November 29, 2012. Robert called the **second**. **Minutes approved** with 1 abstention.

Budget Report: Expenditures last semester included \$150 for a Guest lead Workshop in Patti Kurtz’s class, and \$250 contributed to Not-Stock 2013. Roughly \$2,400 remains in the Department budget.

Overview and progress report on our new curriculum: Shaunanne provided everyone with the BSE and BA course programs, the list of courses, the course descriptions, and a draft of each faculty person’s rotation. English faculty need to review the courses they are teaching and determine whether they will continue teaching those courses. In addition, they need review and revise the scheduling for those courses in terms of the year it is offered and the semester it is offered. Submit a revised list of courses and the rotation schedule of those courses to Shaunanne. Because some Topics courses have been cancelled due to low enrollment, we will need to note how well the Topics classes are doing and use that information to make changes as needed to our course offerings and programs.

120 Credit Degrees in Education : As suggested by Neil Nordquest, the Dean of Education and Human Performance, the English Department a discussion of whether to revise our BSE English Major from 120 to 128 credits. Because of the BSE’s program’s record of BSE Candidates scoring 180 and above on the Praxis II and because the new media course we have added will better prepare BSE English candidates to design units and lessons that have students use media, the English Department decided to continue the BSE English program at 128 credits.

Brainstorming Session on Student Recruitment : Nicole **moved** to establish a Writing Club that will serve to publish the Coup. Ron called the **second**. **Motion approved**.

Valentine's Day Writing Contests, Creative Writing Groups, Shared Teaching Lunches, and all else: English Club meets on February 14th and will announce top two winners of writing contests (awards of \$100 and \$75). Thanks to Nicole, Harold, and Robert for judging. The English Club will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 16 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on 37th Avenue.

Upcoming Department Meetings in Hartnett 301 at 12:30: Thursday, February 28; Thursday, March 28; and Thursday, April 25.